

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraphs [0032] and [0033] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0032] The BDS architectural protocol executes during the BDS phase. The BDS architectural protocol locates and loads various applications that execute in the pre-boot services environment. Such applications might represent a traditional OS boot loader, or extended services that might run instead of, or prior to loading the final OS. Such extended pre-boot services might include setup configuration, extended diagnostics, flash update support, OEM value-adds, or the OS boot code. A Boot Dispatcher ~~420~~ 122 is used during the BDS phase to enable selection of a Boot target, e.g., an OS to be booted by the system.

[0033] During the TSL phase, a final OS Boot loader ~~422~~ 124 is run to load the selected OS. Once the OS has been loaded, there is no further need for the Boot Services 106, and for many of the services provided in connection with DXE drivers 104 via API's 118, as well as DXE Services 206A. Accordingly, these reduced sets of API's that may be accessed during OS runtime are depicted as API's 116A, and 118A in Figure 1.

REMARKS

In the specification, the paragraphs [0032] and [0033] have been amended to correct minor editorial problems. The Applicants respectfully request consideration of the present application as amended.